

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

In Re: Zillow Group, Inc. Session Replay Software Litigation

Master File No. 2:22-cv-01282-JLR JLR

This Document Refers to: All Actions

**[PROPOSED] ORDER APPOINTING
INTERIM CLASS COUNSEL**

1. On January 18, 2023, this Court entered an order granting the parties' proposed stipulation to consolidate actions and set scheduling deadlines, which included a process for submitting applications for appointment of interim class counsel or other designated counsel either individually or as part of a proposed leadership structure.

2. Before the court is Plaintiffs Natalie Perkins, Kenneth Hasson, Ashley Popa, Mark Conlisk, Michael Dekhtyar, Jill Strelzin, Jill Adams, Ryan Margulis's (collectively, "Moving Plaintiffs") motion to appoint interim class counsel (Dkt. # 37). No party opposes the motion. (See generally Dkt.) The court has considered the motion, the Moving Plaintiffs' submissions in support of the motion, the relevant portions of the record, and the applicable law.
Being fully advised, the court GRANTS the Moving Plaintiffs' motion and ORDERS as follows:

PLAINTIFFS' INTERIM CLASS COUNSEL

3. The Court appoints the following attorneys to serve as Interim Class Counsel pursuant to Rule 23(g):

- a. Co-Lead Counsel: Gary F. Lynch, Lynch Carpenter, LLP
- b. Co-Lead Counsel: Joseph P. Guglielmo, Scott+Scott Attorneys at Law LLP
- c. Liaison Counsel: Kim D. Stephens, Tousley Brain Stephens PLLC

1 4. The above-named attorneys meet the requirements of Rule 23(g) and are designated
2 to “act on behalf of a putative class before determining whether to certify the action as a class
3 action.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(g)(3). Mr. Lynch and Mr. Guglielmo shall serve as Interim Class
4 Counsel with responsibility for managing the distribution of work amongst plaintiffs’ counsel and
5 overseeing compliance with the duties and responsibilities set forth herein. The duties and
6 responsibilities of Interim Class Counsel are as follows:

- 7 a. Assign work to other plaintiffs’ counsel who, as of the date of this Order,
8 have filed complaints in this consolidated litigation, such assignments to
9 occur as necessary in light of the needs of the litigation.
- 10 b. Determine and present (in pleadings, motions, briefs, oral argument, or such
11 other fashion as may be appropriate, personally or by a designee) to the
12 Court and opposing parties the position of the Plaintiffs on all matters
13 arising during pretrial (and if appropriate, trial) proceedings;
- 14 c. Initiate, coordinate, and conduct all pretrial discovery on behalf of Plaintiffs
15 in this consolidated litigation, including the preparation of joint
16 interrogatories and requests for production of documents, and the
17 examination of witnesses in depositions, and direct and coordinate the
18 conduct of all types of discovery proceedings;
- 19 d. Examine witnesses and introduce evidence at hearings on behalf of
20 Plaintiffs;
- 21 e. Perform all work necessary for the prosecution of the case, including
22 investigation, research, briefing, and discovery;
- 23 f. Make all work assignments on behalf of Plaintiffs in a manner to promote
24 the orderly and efficient conduct of this litigation and to avoid unnecessary
25 duplication and expense;
- 26 g. Appear at all hearings and conferences regarding the case as most
27 appropriate for effective and efficient presentation;

- 1 h. Negotiate and enter into stipulations and agreements with opposing counsel
2 as necessary throughout the litigation, including discovery, mediation, and
3 other pretrial matters;
- 4 i. Consult with and employ experts;
- 5 j. Call meetings of Counsel for Plaintiffs for any appropriate purpose,
6 including coordinating responses to questions of other parties or of the
7 Court. Initiate proposals, suggestions, schedules, and any other appropriate
8 matters pertaining to pretrial proceedings;
- 9 k. Prepare and distribute periodic status reports to the Court as requested and
10 to the parties;
- 11 l. Act as spokespersons for all Plaintiffs with Defendants and the Court,
12 subject to the right of other Plaintiffs' counsel to present non-repetitive
13 individual or different positions;
- 14 m. Conduct settlement negotiations on behalf of all Plaintiffs;
- 15 n. Develop and recommend for Court approval practices and procedures
16 pertaining to attorneys' fees and expenses as further detailed below and, on
17 an ongoing basis, monitor and administer such procedures. At such time as
18 may be appropriate, Interim Class Counsel also will recommend
19 apportionment and allocation of fees and expenses subject to Court
20 approval; and
- 21 o. Otherwise direct, coordinate, and supervise the prosecution of plaintiffs'
22 claims in the consolidated action and perform such other duties as may be
23 needed to ensure proper coordination of Plaintiffs' pretrial activities and
24 prosecution of the claims or as may be further directed by the Court.

ADDITIONAL MATTERS

- 25 5. Interim Class Counsel shall confer with counsel for Defendants an attempt to agree
26 on appropriate preservation and confidentiality orders. If agreement cannot be reached, each side
27 shall present its own proposal for the Court's determination.

1 6. Within seven (7) days of entry of this Order Interim Class Counsel shall submit to
2 the Clerk a detailed timekeeping protocol for monitoring and documenting costs and computing
3 of potential common benefit or class action time including timekeeping, submission of records,
4 and other procedures applicable to attorneys' fees and expenses. All Plaintiffs' counsel shall then
5 comply with the terms of this protocol.

6 7. Within forty-five (45) days of entry of this order Interim Class Counsel shall file a
7 Consolidated Complaint.

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9 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

10 Dated: February 22, 2023

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12 JAMES L. ROBART
13 United States District Judge